



City of Seattle  
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### **Seattle Takes a Giant Step for Emergency Preparedness**

*Mayor Breaks Ground for first new Fire Station in 30 years*

SEATTLE – Mayor Greg Nickels broke ground today on the first new fire station to be built in Seattle in over 30 years. Fire Station 10 is also the first station to be built under the voter-approved Fire Facility and Emergency Response levy.

“This is another step toward making Seattle the most prepared city in America,” said Nickels. “The last time we built a fire station in Seattle Gerald Ford was president. This new facility will strengthen our ability to respond to a man-made or natural emergency.”

City Council President Jan Drago, Fire Chief Gregory Dean, Fleets and Facilities Director Brenda Bauer, Fire Chief Gregory Dean, and Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske joined the mayor in lifting their shovels in celebration as they broke ground.

The levy, passed by 69 percent of Seattle voters on Nov. 4, 2003, provides money to renovate, expand, or rebuild 32 neighborhood fire stations; build two new firefighting boats and renovate a third; and purchase equipment and supplies to help people during an emergency.

The new 61,000-square-foot facility will cost approximately \$43 million and will be located between Yesler and Washington and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> avenues. In addition to a new Fire Station 10, the facility will include:

- **A new Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**, which houses the City’s operations and administrative functions during a declared emergency

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- **A new Fire Alarm Center**, which includes a dispatch area; shift personnel support spaces; and administrative offices.

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For more information about the fire levy projects, visit this web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fleetsfacilities/firelevy/default.htm>

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